

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-4-15-05

Issued at: Kodiak, Monday, June 27,
2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Thursday, June 30

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., December 31,
2005, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes king salmon fishing in the Karluk River drainage, including the Karluk Lagoon and its outlet stream. In addition, only unbaited artificial lures may be used downstream of Karluk Lake from June 30 through August 31, 2005. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; all king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 64.022 (b)(1)(E) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 64.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA.

(b)(1)(E) The Karluk River drainage, including Karluk Lagoon and its outlet stream, are closed to sport fishing for king salmon from June 30 – December 31, 2005. Only unbaited artificial lures may be used downstream of Karluk Lake from June 30 through August 31, 2005. King salmon may not be possessed or retained; all king salmon caught may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Leonard Schwarz
Kodiak Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

King salmon escapement into the Karluk River is the lowest on record for this date. As of June 26, the weir count is 2,330 fish, and, based on historic return data, is estimated to be 75% to 80% complete. The biological escapement goal for Karluk River king salmon is 3,600 to 7,300 spawning fish. Projections indicate that the minimum escapement goal may not be met. Therefore, in order to increase the likelihood that the minimum escapement goal will be achieved, the sport fishery will be closed. To minimize incidental hooking mortality, the use of bait is prohibited downstream of the Karluk Lake outlet.

DISTRIBUTION:

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